

SKELETONS ABOUT PUNAHOU.

Several Unearthed Suggest Bits of Forgotten History.

Kamehameha I Made His Dwelling There—Rock Moved From Manoa Valley.

The recent unearthing of three moderately well-preserved skulls and other remains of dead natives in a pipe-trench, just outside of Punahou College grounds calls to mind a bit of Hawaiian history with which but comparatively few persons are acquainted.

The region immediately surrounding Punahou has always been noted for its great fertility, owing to the constant downpour of rain in Manoa Valley washing to the lower lands the rich soil of the mountains.

On account of this fact, the beauty of the surroundings, and the abundance of fine spring water, Kamehameha I made this one of his favorite dwelling places and gathered about him what was considered in those days a very large colony.

At one time he discovered an immense rock in Manoa and engaged relays of natives to move it near his dwelling-place, which was close to the spot where the remains were found a few days ago. The rock was blasted some time ago, and a comparatively small piece remains. It is an interesting fact that Kamehameha I seated himself on the rock as it was being conducted to its new position.

In an interview with Professor Hosmer yesterday it was learned that skulls and other remains of natives have been found from time to time in the rich soil immediately back of the main building. Many of these appear to have been under ground for year while others are of much more recent appearance. Many of the remains when unearthed, gave every evidence of the deceased having been buried in a standing posture. In close proximity to the remains bits of charred wood were sometimes found giving rise to the theory that feasts or celebrations akin to these were carried on at the graves. Although remains have been found in quite a number of places on the college grounds, the spot immediately back of the main hall has so far proved the most productive.

RISES IN DEFENSE.

How Captain Julius Won His Maritime Spurs.

MR. EDITOR:—Whether truth or misrepresentation is at the basis of my accounts of the Hawaiian situation is a question on which there is a chance for argument, and into this, at the moment I have no desire to enter.

But perhaps you will allow me to trespass on your space to the extent of saying that the title denied to me in your columns was fairly won in the foreign trade of the United States, when we had deep-sea and square-rigged vessels. The last voyage made by the celebrated clipper ship *Nightingale* around the world was under my command; besides which, the names of the ship *Island Home* and the steamship *Kalorama* may not be as familiar to this community. On a testimonial presented me by the Underwriters of San Francisco for bringing around Cape Horn a vessel in distress without costing them a dollar, I am sure your merchants would recognize familiar names, nor have they forgotten Admiral Henry Knox Thatcher, whose written commendation I have the honor to hold. My certificate to command ocean steamships in the waters of the Atlantic or Pacific oceans, life membership in the Boston Marine Society and the New York American Shipmasters' Association, would seem to indicate that competent boards have passed on my seamanship and come to a different decision from that noted by you. My papers as a master mariner were duly certified at the Consulate of my country in Honolulu on my arrival here, and should any of your merchants desire to send a ship to New York, I should take charge of her and submit to that form of deportation, without making your Government or mine decide any international questions.

JULIUS A. PALMER.

Discovery of a Prehistoric Cave.

Workingmen blasting rock at Oban, in the Highlands, have accidentally disclosed what is described as a capital specimen of a bone cave, near St. Columba Parish Church. In the cave were many shells and bones. Among the larger bones there appeared to be part of one or more human skeletons, and there is little doubt that these will be added to when a more exhaustive search has been made. There can be no doubt that the troglodytes who first used the cave as a residence, and whose immediate descendants afterward used it as a place of sepulture for their departed friends, lived long anterior to the Christian era.—*Westminster Gazette*.

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